Government Employees' strength or reduction therein is not centrally maintained. The report of the Fifth Central Pay Commission was submitted to the Government in January 1997 and the higher pay scales were given effect from 1.1.96. Subsequently, Expenditure Reforms Commission identified approximately 42,612 posts for abolition, out of which around 16,959 posts have already been abolished.

No data pertaining to impact of computerization on reduction of posts is available or centrally maintained.

Statement

Total Strength of the Central Government employees and expenditure on pay allowances during the last five years

S.No.	Years	Total sanctioned strength of the Central Government Civilian employees	Expenditure on Pay and Allowances as a percentage of Revenue receipt
1.	1997-98	3786865	11.13%
2.	1998-99	3745664	10.34
3.	1999-2000	3776666	10.60
4.	2000-01	3394474	8.84
5.	2001-02	3421202	8.22

Bureaucrats booked under prevention of corruption Act

1652. SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers belonging to Central Services, IAS, IFS and IPS have been booked under the Prevention of Corruption Act and other criminal charges;

(b) if so, the number of such officers booked for various offences during the last five years alongwith year-wise details;

(c) the names of the officers who have been tried, convicted and acquitted; and

(d) the reasons for delay in punishing the guilty officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The CBI has informed that during the last five years it has registered cases against the following number of officers belonging to IAS, IFS and IPS under the Prevention of Corruption Act and other criminal charges as under:

Year	IAS	IPS	IFS
1999	12	01	01
2000	20	06	02
2001	18	03	02
2002	04	01	-
2003	09	-	-

(c) During the last five years Sh. K. Lal, IAS has been convicted, Sh. D.S. Bhullar, IPS has been acquitted and following officers belonging to IAS, IPS and IFS have been charge sheeted and facing trial.

Trial:

IAS	IPS	IFS
1. Sh. V.S. Parmar	1. Sh. Brijendra Rai	1. Sh. M. Harikrishanan
2. Sh. Takap Ringu	2. Sh. Gurdial Singh	2. Sh. P. Muthaiyan
3. Sh. D.N. Padhi	3. Sh. S.S. Saini	3. Sh. L. Nathan
4. Sh. N.K. Jain	4. Sh. P. Vijayan	4. Sh. Balaji
5. Sh. A.K. Roy	5. Sh. Lakshmana	5. Sh. A.P. Mishra
6. Sh. C.K. Basu	6. Sh. Jasminder Singh	
7. Sh. K. Arumugam	7. Sh. Kartar Singh	
8. Sh. P.K. Singh	8. Sh. P.R. Mohanty	
9. Sh. Mahesh Prasad		
10. Sh. Beck Julius		
11. Sh. D.S. Shankla		
12. Sh. V.S. Jafa		
13. Smt. Neera Yadav		
14. Sh. Rajeev Kumar		
15. Sh. Sonam Wangdi		

(d) The reasons for delay in punishing the guilty officers are- examination of bulky and voluminous documents; examination of large number of witnesses; witnesses turning hostile, due to the passage of time crucial evidence get destroyed.

Stopping recruitment to CCS

1653. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre is likely to stop direct recruitment to the Central Secretariat Services (CCS), in line with the recommendations of a high level Committee;

(b) if so, whether this move is expected to give a push to the downsizing of Government staff at the middle level; and

(c) whether this move of Government would benefit the junior employees of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Government has decided to stop direct recruitment in the grade of Section Officer (SO) of Central Secretariat Service (CSS).

(b) This decision is part of the restructuring exercise of the CSS and will rationalize recruitment in the grade of SO.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Committee for improving the efficiency of officials of Administrative services

†1654. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Committee has been constituted by Government for improving the efficiency of the officials of Administrative Services;

(b) if so, the main recommendations of the said Committee;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.